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# **GERMANS TWO MILES** CLOSER TO VERDUN

Berlin Claims Advance of Two Miles Along a Four Mile Front Northwest of Verdun

### HEIGHTS OF RABEN IN HANDS OF THE TEUTONS

French Have Driven Enemy Out of the Greater Portion of the Corbeaux Wood-East of the Meuse the Germans Have Recaptured the Hardaumont Redoubt-In the Woevre District the French Have Been Forced to Lose Their Hold on Outlying Positions of the Village of Fresne-Rsussian Warships in the Black Sea Are Bombarding Coast Towns -Fifty Large German Warships, Accompanied by Zeppelins, Have Been Sighted Steaming West Off the North Coast of Holland.

positions they held in the village of Fresnes. Here, the Germans assert

French Capture Trenches in Alsace.

Russian warships are particularly

tive in the Black sea, bombarding

the coast towns, and the continued progress of the Russian forces is evi-

Artillery activity is increasing along

Fifty German Warships Sighted.

opening of a progressive campaign.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION TO

pleted in 14 Months.

plant to cost \$25,000,000 will ge erect-

The new plant, with other extensive

work authorized during the last six

months, will make a total of about

\$52,000,000 appropriated for new con-

"We have decided," said Mr. Garv

to build and will prompt commence

ore yards, blast furnaces, converting

mills, blooming mills, power station, water works, sheared plate mill, uni-

Atlantic Seaboard.

Cleveland, Ohlo, March 8.—The de-mand for men on the Great Lakes is

remendous, according to a statemen

issued here today by lake shipping interests. More tonnage has been lined up than ever before and it is now estimated that 55,000,000 tone of ore will be moved, the statement says.

Added to this will be 30,000,000 tons of coal and about 14,000,000 tons of

This volume of freight is so large

The wage schodule on the lakes, the

statement asserts, is virtually double what it is on the Atlantic seaboard.

Demand \$2 a Day For a Nine Hour

Day-Employed in Coal Pockets.

Danbury, Conn., March 8.—About 100 laborers employed in the coal pockets,

oundhouse and on work trains here, on the New York, New Haven and

men say they have presented demands for two dollars a day for a nine hour

hay to P. J. Hurlihe, section foreman and F. W. Nelson, master mechanic

They quit work when two of their

Representatives of the company said

the strike would not affect the opera-tions here and it is said, informed the

strikers that unless they returned

work tomorrow other men would brought here to take their places.

Movements of Steamships

Gibraltar, March 4.-Arrived: Steam

er Italia, New York for Naples.

Halifax, March 8.—Sailed: Steamer

Czaritza (from Kola Bay) New York, ing. roughly, \$5,000.

Hartford railroad struck today.

imber were discharged.

DANBURY GO ON STRIKE.

RAILROAD LABORERS AT

that owners of vessels, it is announced are contemplating breaking a channel

ommission.

BUILD \$25,000,000 PLANT.

Fighting of great violence between In the Woevre district, southeast of the rench and German infantry has been in progress from Bethincourt, French to loose their hold on outlying northwest of Verdun, to the Meuse, and east of the Meuse from the souther visiones of the Cote de Talou to the Douaumont region—battle fronts aggrigating about ten miles in length. Spirited artillery duels continue along the remainder of the front about remainder of the front about

German Drive Northwest of Verdun A continuation of the German drive orthwest of Verdun is declared by Berlin to have netted the Germans French positions over a front of nearly four miles and virtually two miles in depth, and enabled them to capture 58 officers and 3,277 men. The villages of Forges and Regneville, the Heights of Raben and the Cumieres woods fell

ito the hands of the Germans. The French did not give up these sitions without strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties, especially along the southern fringe of the Cu-

In the Corbeaux wood, which was occupied recently by the Germans, the French isunched a heavy counterstantack and drove the Germans out of the greater part of the position. A German attack with heavy effectives advance at a lively pace and have captured the town of Senha (Senneh), to the north of Keerman shah. against the French Bathincourt lines

Teutons Recapture Hardaumont. East of the Meuse the Germans have manoeuvre have made progress on a front of about five miles along the southern slopes of the Cote de Talon Cote du Poivre and in the captain of a steam trawler which has arrived at Ymuiden.

## PARTIAL BLOCKADE OF

#### ENGLAND BY MINES. Now in Existence Along the Trade At Garry, Ind .- First Unit to Be Com-Route to Holland.

blockade of England by mines, reported as threatened by Germany, is ed at Gary, Indiana, by the United already in existence along the trade States Stel corporation. route to Holland, according to naval reported to have been busy recently laying anchored mines between the mouth of the Thames and the Gallightship. It is in this neigh-od that many disasters have oc-

curred during the last month. Passenger ships until recently have been quite successful in dodging floating mines by making their voyages in guarding against submerged anchored

## ISSUE OF FRAUDULENT

### PASSPORTS HAS CEASED Owing to Stringent Regulations Im-

London, March 8, 6.10 p. m.—The stringent regulations put into effect by the American government to prevent the issue of fraudulent passports have been so effective that the use of Amer-ican passports by spies in England has virtually ceased. At the present movirtually ceased. At the present mo-ment not a single person held in England for espionage possesses an Amer-

Not only has it become extremely difficult for an American without legitimate business to obtain a pass-port, but such close track is kept of those already issued that spies are unlikely to take the risk of attempting to enter England with a forged pass-

#### SEVERE THUNDER STORM AT MYSTIC AND VICINITY Telephone Communication Cut Off fo

About Two Hours. Mystic, Conn., March 8.—A thunder storm of considerable intensity struck this immediate vicinity this afternoon while snow was falling thickly in other parts of the state. Toll line and ong distance telephone communicawas cut off for about two hours fly by the blowing out of fuses electrical storm seemed to be losely localized and lasted about half

## PORTUGAL MUST RELEASE

#### Or the Portuguese Minister to Germany Will Receive His Passport.

London, March 8, 8.30 p. m.—Unless the German ships seized by Portugal tre released, the Portuguese minister to Germany will receive his passport Saturday at noon, says a despatch to he Exchange Telegraph company from Jurich, Switzerland, which gives a re-lort from Frankfort as the basis for

The Munich Nachrichten, the desadds, says that no ultimatum presented to Portugal.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Tive More Deaths from German Raids

SIDE OF COAL MINING Dealt With in Report of Special Colorado Coal Strike Commission.

Washington, March 8.—Recommend-ation that the federal trade commission study the economic side of coal mining with a view to steps toward prevent-ing waste and putting the industry on basis giving maximum safety and maximum steady employment is made in the report of President Wilson's special Colorado coal strike commission. The report was sent to congress by the president today for its informa-tion. Seth Low of New York, Charles W. Mills of Philadelphia and Patrick Gilday of Clearfield, Pa., composed the sion. The commission says the fact that all four hundred indictments returned in Colorado in connection with strike troubles were against were against strikers, has left a "festering sore" on

blic opinion.
"Some of the citizens of Colorado," the report comments, "believe that many illegal acts were committed on the part of operators and the justice which finds all the indictments on one side does not seem to them even-handed. Your commission naturally pressed no opinion as to the correct-ess of this belief. It simply calls atntion to the existence of this feeling ain, it is believed by some, even ese cases the state has not sufficient

idence to convict.
"In such cases, and your commission selieves that there are such, the men affected are suffering from great in-justice in that they are either con-fined in jails, unable to get bond, or, out on bond, they are refused em-oyment in Colorado on account of the ndictments against them and are pre-vented from leaving Colorado or the jurisdiction of the court by their they captured 700 prisoners. In the Meuse hills the French artillery is counter-shelling the guns of the Ger-

"As long as this condition of affairs exists, the industrial health of Colo de German drive is declared by the German positions at several points north of the Aisne and the shelling in the forest of the Argonne front of nearly two miles in a to capture 58. The villages c, the Heights res woods fell.

Russian Warstin. rado will be weakened by this fester-ing sore. It is not the business of

#### AND CASHING ORDERS One Was Cashed in New Others in Bridgeport, Danbury, Waterbury and New Haven.

denced by the capture of the town of Riza, which lies about 35 miles east of Trebizond, one of the important ob-jectives of the Russian army. In Per-Bridgeport, Conn., March 8.-James. Crawford, 28 years old, foreman of a gang of laborers at a local factory was arrested here late tonight by postoffice inspector, charged with the Dniester river and the Bessarabian frontier, probably presaging the restealing five blank postoffice money orders from a sub-station in New Rochelle, N. Y., in April, 1914, and with filling and cashing the orders. The maximum penalty, if convicted on

denied the theft of the blanks. He said, according to the police, that he found the blank orders in New

Rochele. His story, as told by the police, was that he used the alias of "Joseph Handley" incashing the orders. One was cashed in Bridgeport and one each n Danbury, Waterbury, New Haven nd New London.

#### CONFERENCE OF MINERS ADOPTS NEW WAGE CONTRACT Agreed Upon by the Sub-Committee o

Employes and the Employers. ebate lasting nearly six hours the in trstate joint conference of miners and perators from the soft coal fields of estern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana the construction of a first class tube plant at Gary. It is estimated the improvements, including ore docks, and Illinois, rpresenting nearly 200,000 mine workers, today adopted the new wage contract agreed upon by the sub

ommittee of employes and employ

versal plate mills, butt mills, job shops come of the mine workers in those states about \$15,000,000 during the twoand all auxiliary departments will cost \$25,000,000. It is probable the plant year period the contract is to run and vill be in two units, the first of which, will have an influence on the wag conferences to be held in the bitumin it is hoped, will be completed in about fourteen months." ous fields of central Pennsylvania West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, Ken-tucky, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, MEN ON GREAT LAKES Arkansas, Texas, Wyoming, Montant and Washington, as the agreements in those states are based largely on the Wage Schedule Double What it is on action taken in Western Pennsylvania

#### Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. ROBBED BANK AND

## KIDNAPPED CASHIER. Were Later Captured After

Joplin, Mo., March 8 .- Two bandits after robbing the Stark City bank at Stark City, Mo., five miles southeast of here, today and kidnapping Waldo Hapler, the cashier, were captured and \$210 stolen money recovered. Enter-ing the bank, the bandits held up Hapler, drove a girl bookkeeper into through the ice so as to reach the port of Escanaba, on Lake Michigan, March 20, so as to put their ships in the vault, rifled the cash drawer and

orced Halper to accompany them in their flight. In going through the town in a buggy the trio met Lafe Borden, presdent of the bank. Hapler shouted the bank had been robbed. Borden gave the alarm and the posse was formed which picked up Hapler five miles out, where he had been released.

Further on the bandits were surrounded. After a short battle in which one robber was wounded, the pair was captured.

## NDICTMENT RETURNED AGAINST SIX BIG STEEL CORPORATIONS

As Result of Strike Riots in

Youngstown, January 7th. Youngstown, Ohio, March 8 .- The Masoning County grand jury ended to-day spectacularly its investigation of the disastrous strike riots January 7 East Youngstown, by returning in-dictments against Elbert H. Garya chairman of the United States Steel corporation and against six big steel

About half a ton of whalebone obtained from one whale, its value be-

## Beaten to Death in Doctor's Rooms

BODY OF WOMAN FOUND BY NEW YORK POLICE

#### STRUGGLE INDICATED VOTE

Chair and Been Mortally Injured.

York, March 8 .- Policemen mmoned to an apartment house in Vest Eleventh street today found the dy of a woman supposed to have en Nellie Kiernan, 35 years old, who apparently had been beaten to death. In the apartment was Dr. Benjamin F. Searing, who, according to tenants in the building, had introduced the woman there two weeks ago as his who had opposed it during the debate.

Doctor Found Pacing the Floor. The only explanation given by the hysician, who was said to have been found pacing the floor, apparently dazed, was that the woman had fallen from a chair and been mortally injured.

## Signs of a Struggle.

An examination of the apartment dicated that there had been a strug-Many bottles were strewn about Coroner's Physician Le-ne woman had been dead rooms

the rooms. Coroner's Physician Le-han said the woman had been dead from 18 to 24 hours. Dr. Searing was taken to Bellevue hospital under guard, but lapsed into unconsciousness when the police tried question him. Neighbors asserted that the woman told them she was employed as a nurse at a hospital, but at the hospital it was said no person was known there.

#### GERMAN PRISONERS TELL OF LOSSES AT VERDUN

#### Place Casualties to Infantry at Two Thirds of Their Total Strength.

Paris, March 8, 1 p. m .- Prisoners taken at Verdun estimate the losses of the battalions which took part in infantry assaults since February 25 at an average of two-thirds their total

'Our officers promised us," said one, that cannon would clear the way for is so that we could occupy the French ines almost without loss. We be-ieved also that at each stage of our advance new artillery preparation would enable us to continue without creat risk. Instead my battalion uner hard fire from field guns and ma-hine guns for hours together was cut o pleces. The effort we made passed il measure of human strength. That is why the march on Verdun failed." A German soldier belonging to the Sixty-Fourth Infantry said: "Our battallon started from its position in the woods on the night of March 2 with orders to occupy an earthwork east of Fourt Douaumont. Suddenly some one called: 'Here come the French.' The bock was so impetuous that it overwhelmed our lines. I fell into a hole night listening to the calls of wounded for stretcher bearers. The moans often ended in the death rat-

of my company. It had already lost one fourth of its members in the fighting from February 21 to February 24. This was the finish." Another German, a member of the Twenty-Fourth regiment, said: "I was glad to get out of that hell, Our spirits were pretty low in all the di-visions because we felt that the work of taking Verdun would have to be begun all over again."

## VERDICT OF \$30,300

#### IN FAVOR OF MINER njured in Gas Explosion in Auchincloss Colliery, Near Nanticoke, Pt.

New York, March 8.—A verdet \$30,000 in favor of Walter Lawry miner who was burned in a gas explo-sion in the Auchincloss Colliery, near Vanticoke, Pa., was rendered by a jury in the supreme court here today against the Delaware, Lackawanna &

Western Railroad company which operates the colliery.

The attorney for the plaintiff con nded that where a mine owner knows ended that where a mine owner knows that a mine is not being properly con-ducted, it becomes his duty to inter-vene and see that it is made safe. On failure to dothis, the attorney contend-ed, resulted in permanent and disfiguring injuries to his client.

## 23.9 PER CENT. OF 1915 WHEAT REMAINS ON FARMS

Department of Agriculture's Crop Report So Announces. Washington, March 8 .- The depart nent of agriculture's crop report today

Wheat: About 241,717,000 bushels, or 23.9 per cent., of the 1915 crop re-mained on farms March 1. About 61.7 per cent, will be shipped out of counties where grown.

Corn: About 1,138,773,000 bushels, or 37.3 per cent., remained on farms. About 18.6 per cent. will be shipped; about 71.3 per cent. is merchantable

# 400,000 PERSONS CROSSED

THE ATLANTIC LAST YEAR Notwithstanding the Perils Engender ed by Submarine Warfare.

Washington, March 8.-Despite the perils of submarine warfare, four hun-dred thousand persons crossed the Atlantic between American and European ports as passengers last year. The figures assembled today in the bureau of navigation show that 250,000 of them travelled on yessels owned by belligerents. One hundred and fifty them travelled on yessels owned by belligerents. One hundred and fifty thousand took passage on neutral ships. Only 38,000 of the passengers traveled first class. Two hundred and seventy thousand went in the steerage.

Lack of Bidders For W. & L. E. Cleveland, Ohio, March 8.—Because of the lack of bidders the advertised sale of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad was postponed today for the fourth time. Edwin Drake, the fed-eral master in charge of the sale, said

# Senate Passes

FOR PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF WATER RIGHTS

Physician's Only Explanation Was Champions of Conservation Fought Hard to Amend the Measure, But Without Avail.

> Washington, March 8.—The senate onight after four weeks of debate assed the Shields bill to provide for development of water power in navi-gable waters by private capital. The vote was 46 to 22. Conservation champions fought hard to amend the seasure, but without avail.
> Several senators voted for the bill ne of them, Senator Walsh, said he ensidered it bad legislation but firmbelieved it would be amended when t reached the house. Those who voted against the bill were Senators Ashurst, Borah, Chamberlain, Chilton, Cummins, Gronna, Hollis, Husting, James, Kenyon, La Follette, Lane, Lea, Lee, Lewis, Martine, Newlands, Nor-ris, Poindexter, Reed, Sheppard and Works.

Final Effort to Defeat Bill. A final effort to prevent a vote or the measure and deturn it to the committee was made by Senator Husting, whose motion to re-commit was beat-en 49 to 19. An amendment by Sentor Chilton requiring the secretary war to decide contests for permits build dams in favor of the appli-

ant offering the lowest priced ser-

rice to the public was defeated, 30 to

Senator Reed attacked the provision of the bill which provides that con-tests be decided in favor of the appliant able to guarantee the best construction, declaring that this would result in the best sites going to the nterests now operating power plants. He declared the measure would grant orporations absolute control of the ountry's water power for a long time.
"At the end of the fifty years in
he grant." Senator Reed said, "the vernment can enjoy the blessed rivilege of taking over the plants and aying for them the full value. I beeve that back of this law which would grant these enormous powers is the same crowd that was back of

the Coosa River project in Alabama, Continuous Debate Since Feb. 4. The Shields bill had been under al nost continuous debate since passage of the Philippine bill Feb. 4 It was opposed by the National Conervation Association of which Gifford Pinchot is president. Many amend-ments were offered by a score of sen-ators but the bill as passed was changed but little from its origina

Senator Walsh made a hard but losing fight to obtain for the federal government compensation for public land withdrawn for use in dam con-struction on the basis of power cre-ated. His amendment was opposed by Senator Shafroth and other senators of the public land states who contended that the government had no control over waterways except insofar as concerned their navigability. Seecfor Husting and other conservation champions sought vainly to substitute a measure based on the Wisconsin water power law, and retaining with congress control of power sites. Sen-ator Newlands tried without success to attain to the bill his measure providing a waterways commission and appropriating 60,000,000 annually for ten years for flood control waterway improvement and soil protection.

Permits Dams in Navigable Rivers. As adopted the bill permits the construction of dams in navigable wa-ters under licenses issued by the secretary of war and gives grantees the right to operate power plants for 50 years, after which time the federal vernment may take over the plant after giving two years' notice and paying a fair value, to be determined the secretary of war and the owner by proceedings in the United States

Regulation of rates and services is the pilot, escaped injury. placed with the states in which the plants are located or, if interstate ommerce is involved, with the Interstate Commerce Commission on ap-peals when the states involved are unable to agree on reasonable rates strike for increased wages. and adequate service.

The bill also provides that no works shall be operated in any combination to limit the output of electric power

## or in restraint of trade. Parliamentary Struggle

his bill for the government ownership of armor plant be made the unfinished business of the senate was not acted april 1st. who moved that the Ferris bill passed by the house relating to water power that he would re-introduce it when Hapsburg. the senate met at noon tomorr

#### A TRAINLOAD OF RAW HAWAIIAN SUGAR CANE Shipped by Rail from San Francisco to

Atlantic Seaboard.

Philadelphia, March 8 .- A trainload of raw Hawaiian cane sugar, the van-guard of a shipment of 250,000 tons, thipped by rail from San Francisco to the Atlantic seaboard, arrived at the Port Richmond freight yards of the Philadelphia and Reading railway here It was the first time that a train loaded with sugar ever made this journey and it also established a new ecord for freight trains carrying non rishable freight by making the run in fourteen days.

The sugar, which is being shipped in trains of 50 cars, represents the largest transcontinental freight haul of any one commodity ever handled by the The scarcity of ships and the increased ocean freight rates as well as the saving in time influenced the Hawallan planters to transport their product by rail. By the all-water from Honolulu to this city 56 would be required. The rail and The rail and water

route took only 23 days. emocrat, of Portland, and James P. codrich, republican, of Winchester,

## Condensed Telegrams Snow from two to five feet deep

Prince William of Wied, Mpret

The Glasgow iron market was repend on a cash basis. The Chicago City Council passed its 1916 budget, carrying \$27,434,791.

Production of the Inspiration Cop-per Co., during February totalled 8,-300,000 pounds. The Cambria Steel Co. will spend

The Clyde liner Apache, disabled at sea, arrived at New York safely in tow of two tugs.

M. Malevsky-Malavich, Russian Ampassador to Japan, has been recalled, pecause of ill-health.

During the exposition period at San Francisco, 928 conventions and congresses were held there.

Charles G. Balmanno, president of he Mechanics' Bank of Brooklyn, died at his home in Brooklyn. Damage of \$150,000 was caused

brie, a., by a heavy storm, solated the city for 24 hours. The Swedish brig Ynez, captured by German destroyer in Swedish waters, was released with an apology.

American Sugar Refining Co., adanced the price for fine ugar 15 cents to 6.50 cents per pound. Secretary Lane announced the an

oinment of Washington B. Lewis as upervisor of Yosemite National Park, The British Brewers' Society has i to curtail the manufacture af The beer also will be further

The Norwegian - American Line steamer Christianifjord arrived at New York from Bergen with 550 passengers.

John McLean Nash, for the past University, died at New York at the age of 68. The Chicago Great Wesern Railroad urchased 10,000 tons of steel rails to

eplace its tracks between Chicago All German traders in Togoland, German West Africa, will be deported by Great Britain, on the ground of

ilitary necessity

emocrat, of Ohio, announced that he

like Representative Page of North Caro

ina, will withdraw from politics ..

of Commerce gives the average export price of cotton in January, at 12.1 cents per pound, aginst 8.3 cents in

Two negro barbers in the House barber shop were arrested after they had stated to fight with tollet water bottles. The "armed ship" question caused he trouble. Gen. Zeno Ovando, one of the mos

active of the revolutionary leaders of

San Domingo, was killed as he was re-turning to his country after a year's exile in Porto Rico. A naval hydroaeroplane at the Mar-di Gras carnival at Mobile, Ala., was wrecked when it struck the mast of a

The steamship service between Bel-fast and Fleetwood and Heysham in England, was suspended when the

Night services in Trinity Episcopa Cathedral, Omaha, have been discontinued because hold-up men have been robbing the congregations on the

A parliamentary struggle followed passage of the measure between cently appointed United States ambasenator Tillman, whose motion that sador to Chile, returned to Indianapolls from Washington. He probably will leave there for his new post on

A dispatch from Berlin states that by the house relating to water power plants on public lands be made the prince Boris, eldest son of King Ferunfinished business. Senator Myers dinand of Bulgaria, and heir to the withdrew his motion, but gave notice throne and a princess of the House of

Ton King Ching, president of the Chinese Republic Association, found-er of the Chinese Republic Journal and active in the promotion of the present revolution in China, died of a lung affection at San Francisco.

#### ONLY 16 OF 40,000 ARMENIANS Were Driven Out of Town and Massa cred by Kurds.

London, March 8, 11.02 p. m.—The Russians found only 16 Armenians alive in Erzerum out of the usual Ar-menian population of 40,000, according to information received in Petrograd and forwarded by Reuter's correspondent in the Russian capital.

"The Turkish inhabitants of Erze-rum," the correspondent adds, "stated that a few days before the capture of the fortress by the Russians all the Armenians in the town were driven out by the police in a westerly direction, where the Kurds, who had been forewarned, massacred all of them."

## merican Commission Sails for Bue nos Aires.

Newport News, Va., March 8.—The United States section of the Pan-American International High Comnission, headed by Secretary McAdoo, bound to Buenos Aires to attend a meeting of the commission, salled today on the cruiser Tennessee from Hampton Roads. "THEODORE ROOSEVELT." another attempt would be made at a Goodrich, republican, of Winchester, meeting of the commission, sailed to-later date to sell the road at auc-

## BALFOUR CONTRADICTS

Lord of Admiralty Says British Fleets Are More Efficient Now Than Ever Before

## BLAMES CHURCHILL FOR WEAKENING THE NAVY

A--erts That Ranks of Skilled Shipwrights Were Depleted When Churchill Allowed Them to Join the Army-Members Criticize Churchill for Starting Controversy at This Time—The Latter in a Brief Speech Repeated His Doubts of Naval Programme Now in Force.

London, March 8, 9.15 p. m .- Bitter- | never have been," was one of the ness marked the reply of A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, in the ouse of commons today to Colonel Winston Spencer Churchil's attack and destroyer programme and assertwhich y to arouse misgivings among the

Mr. Balfour declared Ill's charges.

Threw Blame on Churchill. He then threw the blame on Colone depleting the ranks of skilled shipwrights by allowing them to join the army during Churchill's tenure of office, thus hindering the shipbuilding plans, which, however the government had succeeded i keeping abreast with the needs.

"If the fleets at the command of this country at this moment are insufficient to secure safety, then in the whole history of Great Britain they in order to avoid giving total amounts."

HALF BILLION DOLLARS NEEDED FOR NEW SHIPS Carry Out the Navy General Board's Recommendation.

Washington, March 8.—Approximateiy a billion and a half dollars for new
ships and an annual upkeep charge of
\$750,000,000 is what Admiral Fletcher,
commanding the Atlantic fleet exti-Washington, March 8.-Approximate-\$760,000,000 is what Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, esti-

The crews which landed from the German ships requisitioned by Portugai have arrived at the German consulate at Madrid, Spain.

Frank McNamara, 19, of Ansonia, died at St. Raphaei's hospital. New Haven, from injuries received in the wreck at Milford Feb. 22.

Of the issue of 100,000,000 pesetas of 3 per cent. treasury bonds offered on on March 1, subscriptions for 74,000,000 have already been received.

Interior injuries was given today in testimony hefore the house naval committee. Representative Callaway, who brought out the statement, called attention to published reports that Great Britain had added nearly a million tons to her fighting ships since the war began. He asked if the situation was not hopeless. Admiral Fietcher thought not, adding that judging by its great wealth, the United States of 3 per cent. treasury bonds offered on on March 1, subscriptions for 74,000, 100 have already been received.

Representative Hensley asked if a the Mexican chamber of deputies, he

was not reasonable to assume that the European war would end within a year or a year and a half at most. Admiral Fletcher thought it would, and added that he believed the close of the war would see the greatest opportunity in history for the success of an interna-tional disarmament or limitation of armament agreement. armament agreement. He insisted, however, that the United States could not afford to put off its navy building

#### on that account. WESTERN RAILROADS ARE CLAMORING FOR THEIR CARS.

Penalties Are to Be Imposed on Eastern Roads Holding Them.

Washington, March 8.—The commis-sion on car shortage of the American Railway association today notified Railway association today notified eastern railroads that it would impose penalties upon such of them as continued to disregard the commission's suggestions for delivering box cars to western roads to ameliorate the present car shortage in the west

The recommendations of the com-nission, approved last month, were that the eastern roads should deliver to western roads twenty per cent. more westbound box cars than the number delivered to them by western roads for

## JOSEPH E. HAMEL GUILTY

OF MUDRED IN FIRST DEGREE. Sentenced to Pay Death Penalty Killing Mrs. Julia Heilner,

New York, March 8 .- A jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first de-gree today against Joseph E. Hanel, for killing Mrs. Julia Hellner, a wealthy Brooklyn widow, by whom he vas employed as a butler. apsed when he heard the verdict vill be sentenced to pay the death pen-Hanel murdered Mrs. Hellner last

April by striking her over the head with a beer bottle. He fled and the police did not get trace of him until about a month ago when he was ar-rested in Baltimore. After being brought here he confessed his guilt,

#### DISAVOWAL BY ROOSEVELT FOR ILLINOIS PRIMARY, Cablegram of Declination Transmitted

to Secretary of State.

New York, March 8 .- John W. Mc. Grath secretary to Theodore Roose-velt, Innounced today that he had sent the following telegram from Mr Roosevelt to Louis G. Stevenson, secretary of state of Illinois, at Springfield:
"I have today received the following cable for transmission to you: "I hereby disavow candidacy of any and all delegates to Illinois primary

parting shots uttered by Mr. Balfour.
Colonel Churchill retorted with a
brief speech repeating his doubts
about the execution of the battleship n the naval administration, which he first ford said was unfortunate of the first ford said was unfortunated. He admitted that there was no reason to suppose that the British margin of strength was not sufficient but he thought the greatest efforts should be made to build at the highest possible appear. ing that even now Mr. Balfour had

speed. Other members protested against such a contest in the house of com-mons and James Hogge, radical, for Other members East Edinburgh, criticized Colonel Churchill for starting a controversy which could not easily be stopped.

A number of other departments of admiralty activity, such as requisitioning merchant shipping, arming of merchantmen and air defense were subjected to discussion. subjected to discussion, but the comof the house eventually

## FORMER WEALTHY MEXICAN ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING Accused of Concealing a Diamond

Necklace Valued at \$8,000. Charles H. La Hays died at the Bridgeport hospital after four months' nilness due to exposure to the cold. His feet had been frozen.

The crews which landed from the commanding the Atlantic fleet, estimates it would cost to carry out the navy general board's recommendation that the American navy should equal the most powerful fleet afloat by not later than 1925.

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On May 24 of that year, in Representative Hensley asked if a race in the building of warships or in building any other military preparation between two nations had invariation of the actual murderer by led to war. Admiral Fletcher said no, and expressed the opinion that failure to prepare was merely making certain that a nation must surrender its rights.

Representative Callaway asked if it was not reasonable to assume that the

## FIRE AT FORT GIBBONS. Barracks and Ammunition

Houses Were Destroyed. Fairbanks, Alaska, March 8.-Three soldiers were killed and two seriously injured in a fire yesterday that desroyed the main barracks and amm houses at Fort Gibbons, occupied Company B. 14th infantry. The dead: Privates Herman Lund, Henry Miner, Curtis B. Willis. Injured: Sergeant Anthony Kivinak, Private

Gross Kelley. The bodies were recovered. The fire broke out in the upper story of the barracks, close to the bed occu-pied by Private Miner. Sergeant Kivinak severed an artery in his arm

#### open window and struck on his head, TWO AMERICANS KILLED BY VILLA BANDITS Pechaco, Between Casas Grandes

and Janos, Chihuahua. El Paso, March 8.—Reports received today by General Gabriel Gavira at Juarez state that two Americans nam ed Franklin and Wright were killed by Villa bandits Monday at Pechaco between Casas Grandes and Janos, Chi-

The advices contained nothing as to the fate of the wife and small son of Mr. Wright, who were reported with the man at Pacheco. Gavira declared the men, said to be Mormon ranchers, resided west of Casas Grandes, disregarded warnings he had sont to all American residents Chihuahua when he first learned of

#### Villa's movements in that se ERUPTION OF VOLCANO CAUSING ALARM IN ECUADOR Surrounding Region in Darkness Be-

cause of Falling Ashes. Ambato, Ecuador, March 8 .- Tunguragua volcano, in this province, has been in eruption for several days. T region are almost in darkness on ac count of failing ashes. During the night the flames from the volcano are visible at a great distance. The people of Ambato are greatly alarm fearing a catastrophe.

#### BANK ROBBERS LOCK OFFICIALS IN VAULT scaped With \$3,800 from First Na-

tional Bank at Vian, Okla. Muskogee, Okla, March 8 .- The First National Bank at Vian, Okia, 30 miles south of Muskogee, was rob-

bed this afternoon by two mask men who obtained \$2.80 and escape Two bank officials and three cust mers were locked in the vault.